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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Prices paid for American barreled apples on the Liverpool auction Wednesday, January 14, were somewhat higher than last week, whereas boxes sold at about the same levels, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. Barrels are selling at higher prices than at this time last year, but boxes continue to move at lower prices. Winesaps are selling only slightly below last year's levels. About 17,000 barrels and 4,000 boxes were offered at the auction. Most of the barrels were Canadian apples. As indicated by the figures, boxes were very light. Basket supplies were moderate. Demand was active on high grade barreled fruit, especially highly colored fruit. High grade box apples are meeting with poor inquiry. Poorly colored fruit is difficult to move. The fruit was in good condition except some lots of York Imperials which were slightly scalded but those packed in shredded oiled paper were free from scald. Some lots of New England apples were over-ripe. Boxed Newtowns were in better demand this week than last. London apple prices were about the same as last week but below those ruling at Liverpool. Supplies of barreled apples were light and demand moderate. Boxed apple offerings were heavy and met with a fair inquiry.

Supplies of American pears at Liverpool were heavy and at London moderate. Inquiry was slow but prices for good stock picked up somewhat from those paid last week at Liverpool. London prices continued low on a dull market. About 26,000 boxes of pears arrived this week in the United Kingdom and 25,000 are expected next week. Exports of pears from South Africa, which will start arriving soon, are expected to be about one-half those of last year.

The British apple outlook for the remainder of the season is considered favorable and satisfactory prices are expected, providing the supplies are kept moderate, according to Mr. Motz. At Liverpool the market is showing more animation with supplies in the hands of both brokers and retailers light. There is a good demand at present in the United Kingdom for lightly colored barreled fruit. Considerable difficulty is being experienced in disposing of high grade boxed apples at satisfactory prices.

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Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London

Variety, grade and origin	LIVERPOOL			LONDON	
	1930		1931	1931	
	Jan. 15	Jan. 7	Jan. 14	Jan. 14	
APPLES	BARRELS: Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	
York Imperials, Va:	:	:	:	:	
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum	: 7.30-7.79	: a/ 6.57	: 7.54-8.03	: 6.08-6.57	
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch minimum	: -	: -	: 7.30-7.79	: -	
U.S.Com. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum	: 6.08-6.57	: -	: b/ 6.81-7.30	: 5.23-5.72	
Stayman, Virginia:	:	:	:	:	
U.S.Com. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum	: -	: -	: 5.35-5.84	: 3.65-4.14	
Albemarle Pippin, Virginia:	:	:	:	:	
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum	: -	: -	: 6.08-6.57	: -	
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch minimum	: -	: -	: 6.33-6.81	: -	
Delicious, Virginia:	:	:	:	:	
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum	: -	: -	: 5.11-5.60	: 5.84-6.08	
Baldwins, New York:	:	:	:	:	
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch minimum	: -	: -	: 6.08-6.33	: -	
Comb. U.S.No. 1, Com. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum	: -	: -	: 5.35-5.60	: -	
Baldwins, Maine:	:	:	:	:	
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch minimum	: -	: -	: 7.06-7.54	: -	
BASKETS:	:	:	:	:	
Rhode Island Greening, N.Y.:	:	:	:	:	
U.S.No. 1 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch minimum	: -	: -	: 1.95	: -	
BOXES:	:	:	:	:	
Newtowns, Oregon:	:	:	:	:	
Extra Fancy, 150/175	: 4.01-4.08	: 2.68-3.16	: 2.86-3.04	: 2.68-2.80	
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	: 3.65-3.89	: 2.48-2.55	: 2.55-2.74	: 2.25-2.74	
Fancy 188/smaller	: -	: 2.43	: 2.19-2.43	: 2.07-2.49	
Spitzenberg, Oregon:	:	:	:	:	
Fancy, 188/smaller	: -	: 2.43	: 2.62	: 1.95-2.25	
Winesaps, Washington:	:	:	:	:	
Fancy, 150/175	: 2.68	: 2.19-2.43a/	: -	: 2.37	
Fancy, 188/smaller	: 2.55	: 2.19-2.31a/	: -	: 2.19-2.31	
Jonathans, Oregon:	:	:	:	:	
Fancy, 150/175	: 2.80-3.22	: 2.31-2.62d/	: -	: 1.89-2.37	
PEARS	BOXES:	:	:	:	
Winter Nelis, California:	:	:	:	:	
Extra Fancy, 100/larger	: -	: -	: 2.37-2.55	: -	
Extra Fancy, 165/180	: -	: -	: 3.16-3.28	: -	
Winter Nelis, Washington:	:	:	:	:	
Extra Fancy, 135/150	: 3.16-3.47	: 2.43	: 2.68-2.92	: 2.19-2.37c/	
Extra Fancy, 165/180	: -	: -	: 2.68-2.80	: -	
Anjou, Oregon:	:	:	:	:	
Extra Fancy, 135/150	: 3.22-3.89	: 2.43-2.55	: 3.28	: -	
Morceau, California, Fancy	: -	: a/ 2.07	: 2.19-2.43	: 1.46-1.82	
BARRELS:	:	:	:	:	
Kieffer, New York:	:	:	:	:	
U.S.No. 1 2 inch, minimum	: -	: -	: 5.60-5.84	: -	
Bosc, New York:	:	:	:	:	
U.S.No. 1, 2 inch, minimum	: -	: -	: 6.20	: -	

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.

a/ London b/ Good color - 7.30-7.79 c/ All sizes d/ Extra Fancy 188/smaller